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In the Abstract:

Please replace the Abstract with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- A method of determining the coagulation potential of a plasma sample by pre-incubating the plasma sample with a reagent such that endogenous protein C in the plasma is at least partially converted into activated protein C by the reagent, adding factor Xa which is progressively inactivated by antithrombin III/heparin cofactor 2 during the preincubation, adding an exogenous reagent which activates factor X to Xa or prothrombin to thrombin in a factor V-dependent manner, monitoring a reaction indicative of the rate of coagulation of the plasma sample, comparing that rate of coagulation with the equivalent rate determined for an ~~normal~~-individual without impaired coagulation control, or the equivalent rate determined for the plasma sample in the absence of protein C activator, and determining the coagulation potential of the plasma sample from one or other of the comparisons.--